

James M. Cain

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Love, when you get fear in it, it's not love any more. It's hate.

~James M. Cain

If your writing doesn't keep you up at night, it won't keep anyone else up either".

~James M. Cain

I loved her like a rabbit loves a rattlesnake

~James M. Cain

Writing a novel is like working on foreign policy. There are problems to be solved. It's not all inspirational.

~James M. Cain

You usually can tell when a writer is going down hill by the size of his liquor bill.

~James M. Cain

I write of the wish that comes true--for some reason, a terrifying thought.

~James M. Cain

She was a little given to rehearsing things in her mind, and having imaginary triumphs over people who had upset her in one way and another.

~James M. Cain

Time is the only critic.

~James M. Cain

If you have to do it, you can do it.

~James M. Cain

If you can't write like New York, you have no business living in New

York and making New York the locale of your stories.

~James M. Cain

That's all it takes, one drop of fear to curdle love into hate.

~James M. Cain

A guitar has moonlight in it.

~James M. Cain

I make no conscious effort to be tough, or hard-boiled, or grim, or any of the things I am usually called.

~James M. Cain

The hand that holds the money cracks the whip.

~James M. Cain

A gun is like breath to a drowning man--it has to be drawn in haste.

~James M. Cain

They threw me off the haytruck about noon.

~James M. Cain

I had killed a man, for money and a woman. I didn't have the money and I didn't have the woman.

~James M. Cain

Stealing a man's wife, that's nothing, but stealing his car, that's larceny.

~James M. Cain

New York is not even a city, it's a congerie of rotten villages.

~James M. Cain

You have to wait for your mind to catch up with whatever it is it's

working on; then you can write a novel.

~James M. Cain

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